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## A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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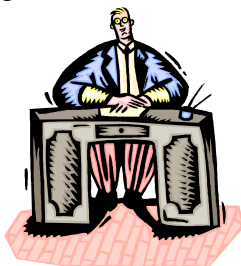
## Term 1, Week 5.

Tuesday 24th February, 2009

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Uniform, Behaviour and Attitude to Learning

Yes there is a link! Wearing school uniform is important for many reasons. It supports safety for identification on excursions and in and around the school but it also plays an important role in school pride and attitude to learning. Some students who wear different coloured jackets, or add a colourful pair of shoes, scarf etc.... to their uniform can develop behaviour issues that then impacts on their learning. They look different to everyone else so they may act differently. They see themselves as being different and thus not having to follow the school routines and rules of all others. School pride supports their learning and their attitude to engaging in learning. Please monitor your child's uniform. I know in some instances parents are unaware that their child is not wearing full school uniform. If you need assistance for uniforms throughout the year please contact the school and we will try to support your needs.



#### The Power of One – Anti-Bullying

A note is going home today regarding an anti-bullying show that will be performed at the school on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. The show is not an “entertaining fun-filled” performance but rather a show that challenges the children and has them thinking about and discussing bullying at school. The teachers will follow-up discussion in class. We feel it is a valuable show and it also coincides with Harmony

Week; a time for all of us to think about acceptance of individual differences and to live in harmony with each other. The show cost is only \$3.00 per child. Please pay through the usual process.

#### Zone Swimming

Good luck to our students representing us at the zone carnival this week. We wish you well and look forward to hearing about the results.

#### Farewell Ms Oszpet

As I had informed everyone at the start the year Ms Oszpet was holding a place as a casual staff member until I received notification from the Department of Education regarding a permanent position. I have just been notified that Mrs Diffley from Mt Hunter PS for the past 20 years, has been appointed to our school. Mrs Diffley will commence duty at the school on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. I thank Ms Oszpet for her work at the school and the start she has given 4O. Ms Oszpet may return to our school in a casual capacity but in the meantime I wish her well for her future and our best wishes in her securing a permanent appointment to further her career.

Mr. Wray - Principal

### The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

### Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

### What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
  - educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
  - stationery and art supplies
  - school textbooks and associated learning materials
  - trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.
- ⚠ Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

## BTN Information Report on Victorian Bushfires by Olivia 3/4W

A Bushfire can be devastating for towns and communities.

The first reason is arson which means it is deliberately lit and the person can be charged with murder.

Bushfires can start because of arsonists who deliberately light them. The repeated hot (40 degrees) and windy conditions caused 31 separate fires which killed approximately 208 people and destroyed about 2000 homes.

Many people have helped in this disaster by donating money, giving blood and schools and clubs have had fundraising events. The fire fighters, doctors, nurses, police and ambulance workers are also helping.

The burn off usually happens in Winter during calm conditions. You burn off to prevent the fire from spreading too easily.

## P&C Auditor Required

P&C require an auditor to do the annual audit of the P&C books. If you are an auditor or know one could you please contact Joanne Thompson or the school office with your details and the P&C will contact you.

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Award:

- Tyla - 1/2T
- Tia - 1/2F
- Ben - 1/2F

Well done children.

## CALENDAR TERM 1 2009

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Zone Swimming
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Carnivals
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Primary Swimming Assembly 12.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom

## Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival

This Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February is the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival at Picton Pool for the freestyle, relays and medley events. The first event of the day is at 9.00am on both days.



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February the breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly events will be held at Picton Pool. Thanks to all the students for returning their notes to me. We wish them all the best.



## THE MUSIC BUS

Please remember to send in your expression of interest ASAP. We need them all in to determine whether we have enough interested students.

## Primary Swimming Assembly

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March a special swimming assembly will be held in the hall at 12.00pm. Students whose names were in the newsletter for coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their events will receive ribbons. Age champions will receive certificates and any student who makes the razorback zone team to attend the SSW Regional carnival will receive a school medal. All welcome to attend.

## Year 3-6 Assembly

The Primary classes will hold fortnightly assemblies in ODD weeks ie. Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 in term 1. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 12.00pm.

## House Captains

In last weeks newsletter there was a typing error which meant the boys house captain and vice captain were incorrect for the Eagles( Red) house. Our apologies to Jake T (Captain) and Luke W (Vice-Captain).

## Mufti Day Fundraising Victoria Bush fires

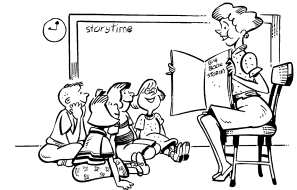
We would just like to thank everyone for the donations as we have raised \$1119.00. All monies raised will be going to the Victorian Bushfire appeal and the Neaves family.

Thankyou,  
Fundraising Committee & Year 6

**PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE SCHOOL CAR PARK. THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF EACH SCHOOL DAY IS DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS.**

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-School Story Time will be held on Friday afternoons from 2.15pm – 3.00pm. Preschoolers aged 3-5 years come along to the transition room beside the hall and join Mrs Joanne Thompson and Mrs Terri-Lee Thomson for a fun afternoon.



## Collegians Hockey Club

Collegians Hockey Club are offering FREE registration for under 9 and under 7 years. Children play at the same place every week. Registrations will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3pm-6pm at Narellan Hockey Complex Lot 1 Millwood Road, Narellan. Come along and register and join in the FREE sausage Sizzle. For any further information contact Rachelle on 0408 231 665.



## K-2 Assembly

*This year there are some slight changes to the organisation of the K-2 assembly. Assemblies are held every Friday in the hall, but the starting times will vary.*

*On even school weeks (2,4,6,8,10) the assembly will start at 2:15pm. At this assembly, classes will perform their item. The usual weekly merit awards and other awards throughout the year will be given out.*

*On odd school weeks (3,5,7,9,11) the assembly will start at 2:30pm. This assembly will be run by our school leaders and will include the giving out of merit awards and some singing.*

*Your child's teacher will inform you when their class is rostered to perform their item.*

*We hope to see as many parents as possible at our assemblies each Friday.*

